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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0311

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Otto E. Anderhub et al.) Group Art Unit: 3731
Serial No.: 10/720,668) Examiner: DAWSON, GLENN K
Filed: November 25, 2003)
For: Forceps and Collection Assembly) Confirmation No.: 6222
and Related Methods of Use and)
Manufacture)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action mailed November 30, 2006, the Examiner requested election of one of the following allegedly distinct inventions for prosecution.

- I. Claims 1-65, drawn to a forceps device; and
- II. Claims 66-86, drawn to a method of fabricating a cutting device.

Without necessarily agreeing with any of the assertions set forth in the Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute claims 1-65 allegedly drawn to a forceps device, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 66-86 in another application, for example, any claiming priority to this application.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge
any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 15, 2006

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